

What is claimed is:

1. A storage system, comprising:
first storage structure configured and arranged to store first application setup data
5 derived from one or more software applications; and
second storage structure configured and arranged to store second application setup
data obtained based on application setup data that are related by a second software
application and that have been supplanted with one or more of the first application setup data.
- 10 2. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first software application and the second
software application are distinct instances of a single software application.
3. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first software application and the second
software application are different applications.
- 15 4. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first storage structure and the second
storage structure are both accessible to a single computer.
5. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first storage structure is accessible to and
20 the first software application is operable by a first computer system, and the second storage
structure is accessible to and the second software application is operable by a destination
application system that is distinct from the first computer system.
6. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the second storage structure is storage on a
25 server, and the second application setup data is stored on the server as a result of the second
application setup data being supplanted by the first application setup data.
7. A storage system of claim 1, further comprising a structure configured and arranged
30 to store an affiliation between the first application setup data and an identity for which the
first application setup data is applied to supplant the second application setup data.

8. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the second application setup data is stored in the second storage structure before the application setup data is used to supplant the second application setup data.

5 9. The storage system of claim 1, comprising a structure configured and arranged to store an association between the second application setup data and the first application setup data.

10 10. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first and second application setup data include user-customized application setup data.

11. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first and second application setup data consist of user-customized application setup data.

15 12. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage structure includes a copy of application setup data from the destination application.

20 13. The storage system of claim 1, wherein contents of the first and second storage structure are changed when the software application performed by the destination application no longer requires use of the first application setup data, as an updated version of the first application setup data is copied from the destination application to the first storage structure before the first application setup data on the destination application is replaced with the second application setup data from the second storage structure.

25 14. The storage system of claim 13, wherein the updated version of the first application setup data includes application setup that are customized by the user based on user preferences identified during performance of the software application by the destination application.

30 15. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage structure is obtained based on user-customized application setup data for the

software application when the software application on the destination application that has been customized by a user.

16. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage structure is derived from default application setup data for the software application when the software application on the destination application has not been customized by a user.

17. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage structure includes application setup data for multiple software applications on which application setup data has been supplanted.

18. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first application setup data stored in the first storage structure and second application setup stored in the second storage structure for a single configuration setting data differ in format.

19. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the first application setup data stored in the first storage structure includes several sets of application setup data for a single application, at least one of which being downloaded to the application-driving destination application.

20. The storage system of claim 1, wherein the destination application is run on a portable device that has limited storage capacity.

21. The storage system of claim 20, wherein the portable device is a cellular telephone.

22. The storage system of claim 20, wherein the portable device is a handheld device.

23. A storage system, comprising:

first storage means for storing first application setup data derived from one or more software applications; and

second storage means for storing second application setup data obtained based on application setup data that are related by a second software application and that have been supplanted with one or more of the first application setup data.

24. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first software application and the second software application are distinct instances of a single software application.

25. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first software application and the second software application are different applications.

26. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first storage means and the second storage means are both accessible to a single computer.

27. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first storage means is accessible to and the first software application is operable by a first computer system, and the second storage means is accessible to and the second software application is operable by a destination application system that is distinct from the first computer system.

28. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the second storage means is storage on a server means, and the second application setup data is stored on the server means as a result of the second application setup data being supplanted by the first application setup data.

29. A storage system of claim 23, further comprising means for storing an affiliation between the first application setup data and an identity for which the first application setup data is applied to supplant the second application setup data.

30. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the second application setup data is stored in the second storage means before the application setup data is used to supplant the second application setup data.

31. The storage system of claim 23, comprising means for storing an association between the second application setup data and the first application setup data.

32. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first and second application setup data include user-customized application setup data.

5 33. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first and second application setup data consist of user-customized application setup data.

34. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage means includes a copy of application setup data from the destination application.
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35. The storage system of claim 23, wherein contents of the first and second storage means are changed when the software application performed by the destination application no longer requires use of the first application setup data, as an updated version of the first application setup data is copied from the destination application to the first storage means before the first application setup data on the destination application is replaced with the second application setup data from the second storage means.
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36. The storage system of claim 35, wherein the updated version of the first application setup data includes application setup that are customized by the user based on user preferences identified during performance of the software application by the destination application.
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37. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage means is obtained based on user-customized application setup data for the software application when the software application on the destination application that has been customized by a user.
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38. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage means is derived from default application setup data for the software application when the software application on the destination application has not been customized by a user.
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39. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the second application setup data stored in the second storage means includes application setup data for multiple software applications on which application setup data has been supplanted.

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40. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first application setup data stored in the first storage means and second application setup stored in the second storage means for a single configuration setting data differ in format.

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41. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the first application setup data stored in the first storage means includes several sets of application setup data for a single application, at least one of which being downloaded to the application-driving destination application.

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42. The storage system of claim 23, wherein the destination application is run on a portable device that has limited storage capacity.

43. The storage system of claim 42, wherein the portable device is a cellular telephone.

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44. The storage system of claim 42, wherein the portable device is a handheld device.